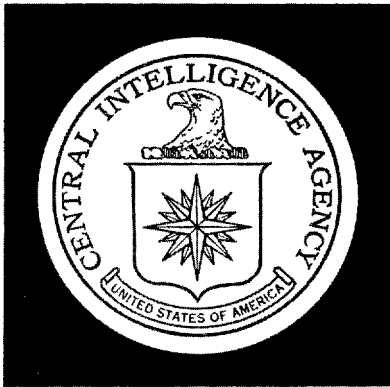


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Communist China: The roster of leaders who accompanied Mao and Lin Piao at May Day ceremonies in Peking suggests that further changes have been made in the military high command.

The elite group riding in Mao's motorcade included Su Yu, a capable military officer who fell into political limbo about eight years ago. His return to prominence tends to confirm a poster report late last month that he and three others had just been named vice chairmen of the party's Military Affairs Committee, replacing three members who had been heavily attacked in Red Guard posters.

Along with Su Yu in the motorcade were the other men reported to be new vice chairmen--acting chief of staff Yang Cheng-wu, Minister of Public Security Hsieh Fu-chih, and army commissar Hsiao Hua. Except for Lin Piao, they were the only military men in the elite group.

Several officials who have been heavily criticized, including the military vice chairmen reportedly dismissed last month, did appear later in the day in a group of 150 leaders who joined Mao on the rostrum at Tienanmen Square--the first turnout of this size since last November. Their appearance does not mean that they have been restored to good standing, but only that a decision has not been made to disgrace them publicly. Chief of state Liu Shao-chi regularly appeared at large turnouts of leaders last fall, after he had been shorn of significant political power but before the official campaign was launched against him.

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Greece: Moderate political elements are still dismayed over the political outlook and believe there is little chance for early resumption of normal political life.

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The government has not yet started its proceedings against Andreas Papandreou, who remains in detention. His wife has told Ambassador Talbot that she believes her husband is being drugged and brainwashed. She claimed that this could endanger his life by reactivating a serious blood condition he once developed in a reaction to medication.

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Nigeria: The Western Region's leaders have apparently decided that if the East secedes so will the West.

Chief Awolowo, the political leader of most of the West's dominant tribal group, the Yorubas, recently disengaged himself from a federal move to renew constitutional talks suspended last fall. He apparently fears that the East is close to secession and that if it acts the West will be unable to escape Northern domination.

On 1 May, Awolowo told a meeting of leading Westerners that the West and the national capital area of Lagos would opt out of the federation if the East secedes. The next day, as instructed by this meeting, Western Governor Adebayo told federal government head Gowon that every peaceful means should be employed to keep the East in the federation, even if this means making concessions to Eastern Governor Ojukwu that will further loosen ties among the regions. Adebayo also told Gowon that removal of Northern troops from the West was a condition for continued Western participation in the federal government.

These Western pressures may cause Gowon to reconsider his program of bringing the East to heel. The pressures exerted by hard-line civil servants and military officers surrounding him will make it difficult for Gowon to change his plans, however.

Continuing opposition to federal policies by Adebayo and Awolowo could make them prime targets for assassination attempts.

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USSR: Moscow has more than doubled the volume of its Mandarin-language radio propaganda broadcasts since 20 April. The weekly schedule has been raised from 84 to 180 hours. Two programs are being broadcast simultaneously during prime evening hours. The broadcasts are following the trend of Soviet propaganda by portraying the isolation of Mao and his group from the Communist Party. Moscow also is encouraging anti-Mao sentiment in the Chinese Army by stressing past Soviet military aid and noting Maoist persecution of Chinese military figures.

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